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Official meetings

Security Council

10:00	8027th meeting [webcast]	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East

Morning (following the adjournment of the 8027th meeting)	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

Middle East (Yemen)

Other matters

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

Thirtieth session

10:00 to 13:00	3rd meeting [webcast]	Conference Room 3
15:00 to 18:00	4th meeting [webcast]	Conference Room 3

1. Election of officers [item 7]
2. Planning for implementation of the recommendations of the Eleventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names [item 8]

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3. Working groups for future requirements [item 9]
4. Review of the statute of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (GEGN/30/2) [item 6]
5. Provisional agenda for the thirty-first session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (GEGN/30/6 and GEGN/30/7) [item 10]
6. Other business (GEGN/30/L.1) [item 11]
7. Closing of the session

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

Forty-fourth session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 18 August 2017, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Press conferences

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences, please click on the link *www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp*.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventy-second session

Main Committees

Sixth Committee

Monday, 11 September 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2

Briefing by the Secretariat, for Sixth Committee delegates, on the Committee items on the provisional agenda of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly, as well as on the outcome of the sixty-ninth session of the International Law Commission.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Forty-fourth session
28 to 30 August and 1 September 2017

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects
Ninth meeting

Wednesday, 6 to Friday, 8 September 2017

10:00 to 13:00	Conference Room 2
15:00 to 18:00	Conference Room 2

Pursuant to paragraph 317 of General Assembly resolution 71/257, the Secretary-General requested to convene, in 2017, two meetings of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole, to consider the Technical Abstracts in accordance with the programme of work for the period 2017-2020 for the second cycle of the Regular Process. The second of these meetings will be the ninth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole from Wednesday, 6, to Friday, 8 September 2017.

The relevant information for the meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process is available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

Delegations wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are invited to contact the Division, indicating in particular whether speaking on behalf of a Group of States (e-mail chung4@un.org and evoram@un.org; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

Delegations that *have not done so* are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the meeting to the Division *by Friday, 25 August 2017* (e-mail doalos@un.org; Room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Eleventh session

Guinea-Bissau configuration

Monday, 21 August 2017

10:00	Informal meeting	Conference Room 5

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board

Informal briefings

Monday, 21 August 2017

13:15 to 14:45 **Conference Room 6**

On meta-analysis of evaluations managed by UN-Women, 2016 and related management response and the Corporate Evaluation Plan 2018-2021

Friday, 25 August 2017

15:00 to 18:00 **Conference Room 6**

On report on Structured Dialogue on Financing

Informal consultations on draft decisions

Thursday, 24 August 2017

13:15 to 14:45 **Conference Room 8**

First reading of all draft decisions taking place back to back

Tuesday, 29 August 2017

13:15 to 14:45 **Conference Room 2**

On Decision 2017/5 the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women Strategic Plan, 2018-2021

17:00 to 18:00 **Conference Room 2**

On Decision 2017/6 Integrated Budget of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women for the biennium of 2018-2019

On Decision 2017/7 Report on Structured Dialogue on Financing

Wednesday, 30 August 2017

13:15 to 14:45 **Conference Room 2**

If needed

Second regular session 2017

Tuesday, 29, and Wednesday, 30 August 2017 **Conference Room 2**

The annotated provisional agenda and work plan for the session are contained in document UNW/2017/L.4 (*click here*). Advance copies of documentation are available on the UN-Women Executive Board website (*click here*). Executive Board members, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead) to

Ms. Rocio Torres (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org). For requests to be on the speakers' list for agenda items 2 and 3 combined (Strategic Plan and Financial, budgetary and administrative matters), please also send an e-mail to rocio.torres@unwomen.org, *as early as possible*, but no later than *Friday, 25 August 2017*. It is estimated that the floor will be open for national and joint statements on Tuesday, 29 August 2017, around 11:30. There will be no prepared speaker lists for any of the other agenda items. The upcoming annual session will be PaperSmart as per established practice. All official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal (*click here*) and will not be distributed by conference services during the session. Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@un.org) *at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot*. The statements will be accessible electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide *15 hard copies* of official statements for interpretation and other services, and are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Pre-session information briefing

Tuesday, 22 August 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2

In preparation for its second regular session, an informal pre-session information briefing will be held on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (12-15 September 2017), combined with an informal briefing on: (a) UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018-2021; (b) Gender Action Plan, 2018-2021; and (c) UNICEF integrated budget, 2018-2021

Informal briefings

Thursday, 24 August 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 6

On: (a) Private fundraising and partnerships: financial report for the year ended 31 December 2016; and (b) Structured dialogue on financing results of the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018-2021

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 6

On: United Nations Evaluation Group professional peer review of the evaluation function of UNICEF: Final report, and management response

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Second regular session

Tuesday, 12, to Friday, 15 September 2017 Conference Room 2

The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work of the UNICEF Executive Board are contained in document E/ICEF/2017/14. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available by *clicking here*. Member States as well as

observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096); or by e-mail to Ms. Hikari Arai (harai@unicef.org), *as early as possible, but no later than Friday, 8 September 2017*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate in writing, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The time limit set for statements during the general discussion is *three minutes* for individual delegations speaking in their national capacity and *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group.

UNICEF is fully committed to diversity and inclusion. To ensure that the Executive Board session is fully accessible, participants are kindly reminded of a few basic tenets that will enable all delegates to enjoy the full benefit of the deliberations.

To the extent possible, speakers are encouraged to introduce themselves and to read out and/or verbally describe visual materials in slides, charts and graphs.

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As per established practice, advance copies of all session documentation are available on the UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*). The upcoming 2017 second regular session will be PaperSmart. During the session, hard copies will not be distributed. All documentation will be available to download through the UNICEF Executive Board PaperSmart portal. The UNICEF Executive Board homepage will also provide a link to the PaperSmart portal. Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn: Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)).

The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the email. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the PaperSmart portal.

Delegations presenting statements during the general discussion and on specific agenda items will be called upon by the President in the following order of priority:

(a) Members of the Bureau of the UNICEF Executive Board who may wish to take the floor (organized by rank);

(b) Representatives of United Nations Regional Groups speaking on behalf of their groups (organized by rank);

(c) Permanent Missions of the United Nations that had sent in advance written requests to the UNICEF secretariat to take the floor at a specific time (with priority given to members of the Executive Board, followed by observers). Delegations are encouraged to send in such requests in a timely fashion to harai@unicef.org, with a clear indication in the subject line of the title and date of the meeting and agenda item; and

(d) Requests received from the floor through the electronic system, on a first come, first served basis.

Delegations are kindly requested to bring *10 copies* of their statements to the conference officers for interpretation.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Pre-session informal consultation

Monday, 21 August 2017

10:00 to 11:30 Conference Room 11

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations

Monday, 21 August 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 12

On the review of UNCDF operational reserve

Wednesday, 23 August 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 12

On the UNDP Country Programme documents:

Africa region: Central African Republic, Guinea and Nigeria

Asia and the Pacific region: India, Nepal, Papua New Guinea and Sri Lanka; sub-regional programme document for the Pacific Islands and Territories

Arab States region: Sudan

Europe and the CIS region: Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine

Latin America and the Caribbean region: Plurinational State of Bolivia, Costa Rica and Dominican Republic

Friday, 25 August 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 12

On the Evaluation of the UNDP strategic plan, global and regional programme and management response

Tuesday, 29 August 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 12

On the UNDP Structured Funding Dialogue and Draft Integrated Budget 2018-2021

Informal briefing

Monday, 28 August 2017

15:30 to 18:00 Conference Room 11

On the UNDP draft strategic plan 2018-2021

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session 2017

Tuesday, 5, to Monday, 11 September 2017 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2017/L.3.

Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (*click here*) and for the UNFPA segment on the UNFPA website (*click here*).

Member States, Observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead) as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to the Executive Board Secretariat (e-mail eb.secretariat@undp.org) for UNDP and UNOPS, and to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org) for UNFPA, *as early as possible, no later than Monday, 28 August 2017*.

The second regular session 2017 will continue to use the electronic system to identify requests to take the floor. Delegations with a special interest on any of the UNDP and UNOPS agenda items are kindly requested to communicate their intention to intervene during such items to the Executive Board secretariat at eb.secretariat@undp.org. Interventions related to UNFPA items should be communicated to speakerslist@unfpa.org

The second regular session 2017 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart portal. The PaperSmart portal will provide access to the official documents in all official languages. Statements, background documents, informal documents and presentations will be available in the language of submission. The portal will be accessible by *clicking here*. Documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading through laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices. Alternatively, Member States may request hard copies of documents using the print on demand icon located next to the document in the PaperSmart portal. Member States may also request hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements or presentations by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@un.org), *at least two hours in advance* of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart portal upon delivery. Delegations are kindly requested to provide *20 hard copies* of the official statements for the interpretation and other services.

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Informal consultations

Wednesday, 23 August 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 12

On UNFPA country programme documents which will be presented for approval by the Executive Board at its second regular session 2017:

Asia and the Pacific region: India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka and Pacific Islands subregion

Eastern Europe and Central Asia region: Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine

Arab States region: Palestine, Somalia and Sudan

West and Central Africa region: Burkina Faso, Gabon, Guinea, Mauritania and Nigeria

Latin America and the Caribbean region: Plurinational State of Bolivia, Costa Rica and Dominican Republic

Monday, 28 August 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 11

On the UNFPA structured funding dialogue

Tuesday, 29 August 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 12

On the UNFPA Strategic Plan and Integrated Budget, 2018-2021

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming other meetings

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the Secretariat of the United Nations. The meetings under this header are open unless otherwise indicated.

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly

Tuesday, 22 August 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room B

Tuesday, 29 August 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room B

OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 22 August 2017

11:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 23 August 2017

16:00 to 17:00 Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Seventy-first session

International Seabed Authority

Twenty-third session

Kingston, Jamaica (7 to 18 August 2017)

The twenty-third session of the International Seabed Authority will take place in Kingston, Jamaica until *today*, 18 August, 2017. The *programme of work*, information note on matters before the session and all official session documents can be accessed from the International Seabed Authority web site (*click here*). Delegations are reminded to transmit their credentials prior to the start of the session to Ms. Christine Griffiths (e-mail cgriffiths@isa.org.jm).

PaperSmart arrangements will be available for the duration of the twenty-third session. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the International Seabed Authority PaperSmart Portal should send a copy of the statement *at least one hour* in advance of delivery to news@isa.org.jm.

Announcements

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (unless otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *August 2017:*

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Security Council Documentation

Peacekeeping Research

Treaty Research

United Nations Regular Budget Documentation

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Press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free.

Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* provides comprehensive coverage of the Security Council's interpretation and application of the United Nations Charter and its own Provisional Rules of Procedure. It is prepared by the Security Council Affairs Division in the Department of Political Affairs.

The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law and international relations, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations in following the evolving practice of the Council and gaining a better understanding of the framework in which it operates.

The *Repertoire* is available in the six official languages of the United Nations. The latest printed volume (Seventeenth Supplement), covering the years 2010 to 2011, is now available.

For copies of this volume and all previous Supplements, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) and Parts I, V and X of the Nineteenth Supplement (2014-2015) are available in their advance versions on the *Repertoire section* of the website of the Security Council.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2017 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 16 August 2017

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

Eleventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names

[archived video]

14th meeting — The Conference heard a special presentation on "The Second Administrative Level Boundaries (SALB) initiative and geographic names for cartography" by Mr. Guillaume Le Sourd of the United Nations Geospatial Information Section.

The presentation was followed by brief comments and question-and-answer periods, in which the President and the representatives of Japan, the United States, Cameroon, Saudi Arabia, Cyprus, Austria, the United Kingdom and Denmark participated.

Features beyond a single sovereignty and international cooperation [item 17]

(a) Features common to two or more nations

The Technical Committee IV resumed its consideration of this sub-item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, Japan and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

(b) Bilateral/multilateral agreements

The representative of Indonesia introduced the report contained in document E/CONF.105/114/CRP.114.

The report was followed by brief comments and question-and-answer periods, in which the Chair, the Vice-Chair of the Committee and the representative of the Netherlands participated.

The Technical Committee IV thus concluded its consideration of the agenda item 17.

Reports by Governments on the situation in their countries and on the progress made in the standardization of geographical names since the Tenth Conference (for information only) [item 5]

The President of the Conference made a statement.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of the agenda item 5.

Arrangements for the Twelfth Conference [item 18]

The President of the Conference made a statement.

It was decided to postpone consideration of this item for the next meeting of the Conference.

The Conference held a panel discussion on "Writing names in so-called non-written languages", chaired by the representative of Algeria, under agenda item 14. The Panel comprised representatives of France and Estonia.

The panel presentations were followed by brief comments and question-and-answer periods, in which the panelists and representatives of the United States, the Republic of Korea, Cameroon, Australia, Indonesia, Algeria and Japan participated.

The Conference then held another panel discussion on "Support of Geographical Names data files and gazetteers to UN-GGIM activities like the SDGs and 2030 Agenda", chaired by the representative of Germany, under agenda item 12. The Panel comprised representatives of Canada, Tunisia, Denmark and Egypt.

The panel presentations were followed by brief comments and question-and-answer periods, in which the panelists and representatives of Japan, India and Australia participated.

Organization of work

The representative of the United Nations Statistics Division, DESA made an announcement.

Thursday, 17 August 2017

Security Council

[archived video]

8026th meeting

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Letter dated 8 August 2017 from the Group of Experts extended pursuant to Security Council resolution 2293 (2016) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2017/672/Rev.1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The President made a statement, speaking in his capacity as Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, the United States, Sweden, Ukraine, Italy, Japan, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, China, Senegal, Kazakhstan, Uruguay, Ethiopia and the Plurinational State of Bolivia.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Léonard She Okitundu, Vice-Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

Eleventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names

[archived video]

15th meeting

The Conference heard a special presentation on "Global Partnerships for crowd-sourced navigation and real-time traffic application, Waze" by Mr. Adam Fried.

The presentation was followed by brief comments and question-and-answer periods, in which the President and the representatives of Azerbaijan, Sri Lanka, the United Kingdom, Cyprus, the State of Palestine, Australia, New Zealand and the United States participated.

Organizational matters [item 3]

(e) Credentials of representatives to the Conference

The Conference resumed its consideration of agenda item 3 (e).

The President of the Conference made a statement.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of sub item (e) and agenda item 3 as a whole.

Adoption of the resolutions of the Conference [item 19]

The President of the Conference made a statement.

The Conference had before it a draft resolution entitled "Future organization and methods of work of the Group of Experts on Geographical Names" contained in document E/CONF.105/L.3.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea and France.

The Conference adopted the draft resolution as contained in document E/CONF.105/L.3.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa and the Republic of Korea.

The Director of the United Nations Statistics Division, DESA, made a statement.

The Secretary of the Conference made a statement.

The Rapporteur introduced the informal paper dated 17 August 2017 containing draft resolutions for consideration by the Conference.

The Conference adopted draft resolution XI/1, entitled "Next meeting of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names", as orally amended.

The Conference adopted draft resolution XI/2, entitled "Romanization of Arabic geographical names".

The Conference adopted draft resolution XI/3, entitled "Vote of thanks".

Statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, South Africa, Australia, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Qatar, Oman, Estonia, Egypt and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 19.

Adoption of the report of the Conference [item 20]

The Rapporteur introduced the draft report of the Conference, as contained in document E/CONF.105/L.2.

A statement was made by the representative of the Republic of Korea.

16th meeting

Adoption of the report of the Conference [item 20]

The Conference resumed its consideration of agenda item 20.

The Rapporteur made a statement.

The representative of the Republic of Korea made a statement.

The meeting was suspended.

The meeting was resumed.

The representative of the Republic of Korea made a statement.

The President of the Conference made a statement.

The Conference adopted the draft report contained in document E/CONF.105/L.2, as orally amended, and decided to entrust the Rapporteur with finalizing the report with the support of the Secretariat.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 20.

Closing of the Conference [item 21]

The Director of the United Nations Statistics Division, DESA, made closing remarks.

The President of the Conference made concluding remarks.

The President of the Conference declared the Eleventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names closed.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Paris Agreement. Paris, 12 December 2015

Ratification: Timor-Leste (16 August 2017)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *August 2017* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
Democratic Republic of Congo
His Excellency Ignace Gata Mavita wa Lufuta

Asia-Pacific States
Republic of Nauru
Her Excellency Marlene Moses

Eastern European States
Republic of Serbia
His Excellency Milan Milanović

Latin American and Caribbean States
Mexico
His Excellency Juan José Gómez Camacho

Western European and other States
Canada
His Excellency Marc-André Blanchard

General Assembly
Seventy-first session

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the *list of speakers* of plenary meetings of the General Assembly are kindly requested to do so through the e-deleGATE portal available at http://delegate.un.int.

The e-Speakers link to inscribe for the plenary meetings *is open*. An automated e-mail acknowledgement will be sent within one hour of receipt of request for inscription. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords, kindly contact the DGACM Help-desk (e-mail help-desk@un.org).

For any other inquiries regarding the list of speakers, please contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (Mr. Carlos Galindo (e-mail galindo@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), with copy to e-mail gaspeakerslist@un.org).

For *PaperSmart Services*, delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart Portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

For the submission of a *draft resolution* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3322 (Room S-3059). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly. The co-sponsorship of all draft resolutions and decisions in the General Assembly plenary now takes place via the General Assembly Plenary e-Sponsorship application in the e-deleGATE portal at http://delegate.un.int.

Permanent missions to the United Nations are invited to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail gaplenarye-sponsorship@un.org) of those accredited delegates who should be granted access to General Assembly Plenary e-Sponsorship, using a registration form that was provided to the missions and is available on the General Assembly website (*click here*). Based on the information received, delegates will be issued a username and a password to access the Portal.

Paper signature list for co-sponsorship will no longer be accepted. For questions on the submission of a *draft resolution or a draft decision* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3322 (Room S-3059).

The following items on the agenda remain open for consideration during the seventy-first session of the General Assembly: agenda items 9, 11 to 15, 19, 19 (h), 20, 28 to 31, 33 to 35, 37, 38, 40 to 46, 51, 61, 62, 62 (a), 65, 65 (a), 68, 68 (b), 69, 69 (a) to (d), 73, 73 (a), 110, 111, 114, 114 (a), 115, 115 (b) (g), (h), (i), and (l), 116, 117, 120, 121, 123 to 125, 126, 126 (b), (c), (e) to (h), (k), (m), (p), (s), (t) and (z), and 127 to 164.

The schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the resumed part of its seventy-first session will be reflected in the online schedule of meetings, please *click here*. There is no pre-determined calendar of meetings for the resumed part of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly.

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General Assembly contained in documents A/71/251 and A/71/251/Add.1. Requests should include the following language "I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item __". The letter must be sent to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General in the original, with an original signature or stamp.

Additionally, electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org and to dgacm.mss-management@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. Originals may be submitted to Room S-12FW001, United Nations Secretariat. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases, social media and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

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Seventy-second session

The seventy-second session of the General Assembly will convene at the United Nations Headquarters, on Tuesday, 12 September 2017.

The provisional agenda of the seventy-second regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/72/150.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-second regular session of the General Assembly is issued as document A/72/100.

A draft programme of the work of the plenary for the seventy-second session is contained in document A/71/966.

The information note for delegations on arrangements for the high-level meetings and the general debate of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly was issued in document A/INF/72/4.

General debate

The general debate will open on Tuesday, 19 September 2017.

The provisional list of speakers No. 1 for the general debate (19 to 25 September 2017) of the seventy-second regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (Room S-3082). The list of speakers has also been sent by e-mail and by facsimile directly to the permanent missions.

Delegations are kindly reminded that, in accordance with existing practice at the general debate, a voluntary *15-minute* time limit should be observed and the list of speakers has been prepared on the basis of the agreed *15-minute* statement by each delegation. In order to assist the speakers with the timely delivery of their statements, a light mechanism will be installed at the rostrum. Delegations may wish to inform their capitals accordingly.

The theme "Focusing on people: striving for peace and a decent life for all on a sustainable planet" has been proposed for the general debate at the seventy-second session, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 58/126, Annex (A letter from the

President of the General Assembly, dated 7 July 2017, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers).

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Security Council

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